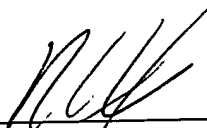


REMARKS

The claims have been rewritten to eliminate multiple dependencies and to reformat the claims. The amendments do not narrow.

It is respectfully requested that the first office action be directed to the application as hereby amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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